

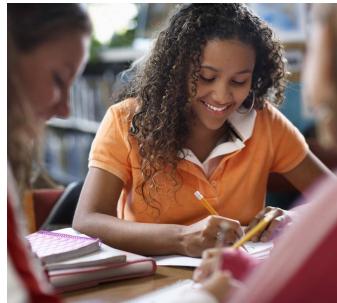


The Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) division has been helping students with scholarships and grants for college expenses since 1964 when the state's first scholarship program, the State Competitive Scholarship was enacted. Since that time, new scholarship programs for students have come and gone.

The mission of SSG is to help students to determine eligibility and deliver funds for state-administered student financial aid programs on behalf of students. SSG also provides support to our high schools, family, community, and postsecondary partners with the overall goal of providing access to education beyond high school for students.

SSG also helped to award and disburse many federal financial aid dollars available to Michigan students through multiple programs throughout the years. SSG still administers several federal programs including the GEAR UP programs.

SSG staff is devoted to helping students and families with information, services, and the delivery of program dollars.



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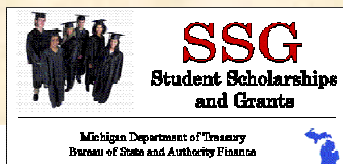
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## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS (SSG)

### PROGRAM FACTS



*The mission of SSG is to help students pay for college and provide  
a one-stop-shop for the administration of Michigan's scholarships  
and grants programs and services.*

Annual appropriation is set each year through the legislative process.  
All future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

## PROGRAM FACTS

### Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)



Natural or adopted child of a Michigan veteran who is totally and permanently disabled, deceased, or missing in action (MIA).

- Student must be a Michigan resident for the 12 months prior to submitting an application.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Must be at least 17 and less than 26 years old.
- Must be enrolled at least half time at an approved Michigan institution.
- Award amount up to \$2,800 per academic year, for a grand total of \$11,200.
- Award limited to tuition and mandatory fees.
- Can receive assistance for up to four academic years.
- Must maintain a 2.25 GPA for renewal students.
- No felony conviction; not-incarcerated.
- Download application from our Web site.

### Dual Enrollment



The Postsecondary Enrollment Options program allows public and private school students to be dual enrolled in high school and postsecondary institutions.

- Students from grade 9-12 are eligible.
- Allowed to enroll up to a maximum of ten credits in four academic years.
- Public school districts are billed for students attending a public high school.

### STG (continued)

- Has not yet received a bachelor's degree.
- Must file an application with SSG each academic year (applications available each year in late April).

### Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)



Must be Medicaid eligible for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period, starting with the 36 month period prior to the date of the student's 12th birthday.

- **SSG mails applications in late January each year.**
- Must submit application by August 31st of the senior year.
- Must have a high school diploma, GED, or certificate of completion.
- Must be enrolled at a participating college within four years of high school graduation. Eligibility ends ten years from the date of high school graduation or GED completion.
- Not be incarcerated. (Does not include an eligible juvenile detention facility.)
- Award limited to tuition and mandatory fees at an eligible degree-granting institution.
- Eligible fees are registration/enrollment, student activity/services, and technology.
- Mandatory fees cannot exceed \$250 per semester or term.
- Pays 24 semester or 36 term credits per academic year. Cannot exceed 80 semester or 120 term credits.
- For renewal, meet institution's SAP policy for scholarship continuation.
- Visit our Web site for a listing of eligible institutions and Phase I/Phase II benefits.



**MTG (continued)**

- Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident or approved refugee.
- For renewal, meet institution's SAP policy for scholarship continuation.
- Not be incarcerated.
- Cannot be enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.
- Not be in default on a federal student loan.

**Police Officer's and  
Fire Fighter's  
Survivors Tuition  
Grant (STG)**


- For children and surviving spouses of Michigan police officers and fire fighters killed in the line of duty.
- Child must be less than 21 at the time of the police officer's or fire fighter's death.
  - Must apply for the first time before the age of 26.
  - Excluding death benefits must be below 400% of the federal poverty level (demonstrate financial need).
  - Must enroll at least half time in a program leading to a certificate or degree at an approved Michigan community college or public university.
  - Michigan resident for 12 consecutive months preceding application.
  - Award limited to tuition and mandatory fees.
  - Provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is an eligible child or surviving spouse of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.
  - For renewal, meet institution's SAP policy for scholarship continuation.
  - Limited to 9 semesters or 13 terms (124 semesters or 180 term credits)

**Dual Enrollment  
(continued)**

- The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is billed for students attending a private high school.
- SSG pays the postsecondary institutions on behalf of the students attending private high schools.

**Financial Literacy**

Understanding the basics of money management skills such as planning a career, living within a budget, handling credit cards and debt, and planning for retirement will provide a solid financial foundation that can lead to a lifetime of financial success.

- Develop a plan for college success.
- Be accountable and responsible.
- Plot your career and financial course.
- Borrow wisely—either student loans or using credit cards.
- Review and understand your credit report.
- Know when to ask for help.

Visit our Web site and click on **Student Loans** and then **Financial Literacy and Resources**.

**GEAR UP College Day  
(GUCD)**


- Federal program designed to provide early intervention to middle and high school students.
- Have successfully completed the GUCD six-year program.
  - Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.
  - Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
  - Michigan resident prior to enrolling in college.
  - U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
  - Not be incarcerated.
  - Students were rank ordered by participating partners and not SSG.
  - Class years 2011 and 2012 only.

**GUCD (continued)**

- Award amount up to \$5,550 per academic year.
- Must attend a public, degree-granting institution.
- For renewal, meet institution's SAP policy for scholarship continuation.
- *Non-Pell eligible students may be eligible if funds are available.*

**GEAR UP Michigan! (GU)**

Federal program designed to provide early intervention to middle and high school students.

- Have successfully completed the GU MI six-year program.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
- Michigan resident prior to enrolling in college.
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Not be incarcerated.
- Students were rank ordered by participating partners and not SSG.
- Class years 2007-11 are eligible for an award from \$4,310-\$5,550.
- Can attend a public or independent, non-profit degree-granting institution.
- For renewal, meet institution's SAP policy for scholarship continuation.
- *Non-Pell eligible students may be eligible if funds are available.*

**Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)**

Program is both merit and need based.

- **MUST HAVE THE STUDENT'S SSN IN ORDER TO MATCH ACT RECORD TO FAFSA DATA.**
- Qualifying ACT score of at least 23 (composite) or 90 (scaled score).

**MCS (continued)**

- **Federal processor must receive FAFSA by March 1.**
- High school diploma, GED, or institutions Ability to Benefit Standards.
- Award amount for the 2012-13 academic year is up to \$575.
- Award limited to tuition and mandatory fees.
- Must enroll at least half time at an approved Michigan community college, public university or independent, degree-granting college or university (cannot be an institution whose primary purpose is to prepare students for ordination or appointment as a member of the clergy of a church, denomination or religious sect).
- Limited to 10 semesters or 15 terms.
- Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- For renewal, maintain a 2.0 GPA and meet institution's SAP policy for scholarship continuation.
- Not be incarcerated.
- For renewal, maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- For renewal, meet institution's SAP policy.
- Not be in default on a federal student loan.

**Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)**

The program is need based.

- **FEDERAL PROCESSOR MUST RECEIVE FAFSA BY JUNE 30.**
- High school diploma, GED, or institutions Ability to Benefit Standards.
- Award amount for the 2012-13 academic year is up to \$1,512.
- Award limited to tuition and mandatory fees.
- Must enroll at least half time at an approved independent, degree-granting Michigan post-secondary institution.
- Limited to 10 semesters or 15 terms.